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DEPT FOR PM/WRA (KATHERINE BAKER)

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SUBJECT: ROKG WILL NOT ATTEND LIMA MEETING ON CLUSTER MUNITIONS

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Classified By: POL M/C Joseph Y. Yun. Reasons 1.4 (b,d).

11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel A demarche to Kim Hye-jin of the Disarmament and Nonproliferation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Kim said that the ROKG position on cluster munitions (CM) had not changed since the April 24 bilateral discussions with Acting DAS Frank Ruggiero in Seoul (reported reftel B). Kim said that the ROKG will not attend the May 24-25 meeting on CM in Lima. Kim reiterated that the ROKG prefers that discussions on CM occur within the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW) framework, but noted that the ROKG will not support a negotiating mandate in the CCW that bans or severely restricts CM unless it meets ROKG requirements reported reftel B. **VERSHBOW**